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ANNUAL MEETING

September 19, 1979

Stouffer's National Center Hotel — **Arlington, VA**

The Annual Meeting of the Asbestos Information Association/North America was convened at 8:10 AM, September 19, 1979 in Stouffer's National Center Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. The following members were present:

W. H. Beasley	Cement Asbestos Products Co.
Frank Betts	Atlas Turner, Inc.
Frank M. Brown	Connell Brothers Co., Ltd.
Robert A. Carlson	Special Asbestos Co., Inc.
William C. Clark	Asten-Hill, Limited
Gordon Coats	Calaveras Asbestos, Ltd.
Brian Donner	Vermont Asbestos Group
Thomas A. Dougherty	CertainTeed Corporation
Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr.	Nicolet, Inc.
Dan Hackett (for Charles Newell)	Lear-Siegler, Inc.
Elisabeth Hanlin (for Dimitry Poutiatine)	Johns-Manville Corp.
Clarence A. Herbst, Sr.	Resinoid Engineering Corp.
B. J. Iwarsson	Abex Corporation
Jack E. Keith	Rostone Corporation
A. C. Liggett	Nuturn Corporation
J. J. McHugh	National Association of Filter Mfgers.
Donald G. Magill, Jr.	Hollingsworth & Vose Co.
John H. Marsh	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Joseph T. Mooney, Jr.	Monsey Products Company
Adam Novak	Huxley Development Corporation
Harrison B. Rhodes, Dr.Eng.Sc.	Union Carbide Corp.
John Riopelle	Bendix Corporation
Richard H. Rosenberg	Borg-Warner Corporation
Kurt Schwarz	Supradur Manufacturing Corp.
Martin J. Sendecki (for N. E. DeCandia)	Congoleum Corporation
Alfred Shaines	P.T. Brake Lining Co., Inc.
John Sheridan (for W. S. Durrell)	Jim Walter Corporation



Also present: Wendell B. Alcorn, Jr., Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; Philip Z. Berg, AIA/NA Staff; William Blakeslee, CertainTeed Corp; C. H. Borcherding, Abex Corp.; J. E. Conner, Johns-Manville Corp.; Edmund M. Fenner, Johns-Manville Corp.; Burton A. Gale, Resinoid Engineering Corp.; Cindy Hayes, Nuturn Corporation; Robert Hoylman, Calaveras Asbestos, Ltd.; Curtis Linke, Johns-Manville Corp.; Howard Manosh, Vermont Asbestos Group; B. J. Pigg, AIA/NA Staff; A. P. Tiedemann, Raybestos Manhattan, Inc.; Richard L. Trachtman, AIA/NA Staff; James R. Weber, Bendix Corporation; W. T. Whitley, Cement Asbestos Products Company.

Welcome and Minutes

Mr. Dougherty, President of the Association, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. On motion, the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, September 21, 1978, were approved as submitted.

Statement of Finances

The Executive Director reviewed the financial statement of August 31, 1979. As of that date, total assets of $163,505 with liabilities of $41,334 resulted in a net worth of $122,171. The Executive Director said that the financial condition of the Association was solvent with no foreseeable problems for the remainder of the fiscal (calendar) year.

Executive Director's Report

OSHA - As OSHA spokesman has advised that the RTI-CONSAD consolidated report, previously being considered for release, was now in hold status. No change in status of a proposed construction standard was reported.

It was reported that a group from the OSHA staff is reviewing the asbestos standard and pending proposal with the view of possibly recommending further regulatory action. Timing for completion of this project is uncertain, but is expected within the next few weeks.

OSHA's prospective Asbestos Alert Campaign, Phase II, was reviewed. It is expected that contract for this effort will be awarded about October 1, 1979.

A report was given on a conference sponsored by OSHA and held in Chicago, IL, on September 13-14.

EPA - No significant developments have occurred in regard to the agency's ongoing investigation of asbestos since last meeting with the exception that publication of an advance notice of proposed rulemaking has been delayed until late October earliest.

EPA will include as a task in OSHA's Asbestos Alert Campaign contract development of some materials for use in a voluntary guidance document for friction materials. The Association will be afforded opportunity to critique the materials when prepared. This work does not alter the agency's desire to receive information now being gathered together by AIA/NA's ad hoc committee on friction materials. EPA plans to have document ready for distribution by June 1980.

Committee and Activity Area Reports

1. Standards Advisory - Dr. Rhodes/Mr. Trachtman

EPA - Mr. Trachtman discussed the agency's turnaround decision to pursue rulemaking on asbestos in the public schools. An advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) is expected in a few days.

CPSC - Although NIOSH has tested 30 hairdryers per its agreement with CPSC, the final report will not be available until October. Unofficial reports indicate concentrations peaked at .04 f/cc.

MSHA - The Mine Safety and Health Administration has published a notice of proposed rulemaking which would adopt OSHA construction standards to construction operations on mine property.

Department of Interior - The report on the issues of the Nonfuel Minerals Policy Review was published in August. There is little of import to the industry included in this document.

IRLG - Comments are due September 30 on the risk assessment document of the Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group. Dr. Weill will submit comments on which to base a response.

Studies on Risk Assessment - Mr. Trachtman reviewed five studies which relate at least in part to risk assessment currently ongoing in the federal government: Office of Technology Assessment Risk Assessment Study (arm of Congress); Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group (IRLG) risk assessment document; Report to the President by the Toxic Substances Strategy Committee; a staff paper of the Office of Science and Technology Policy of the Executive Office of the President; and OSHA's generic cancer policy.

Congressional Activities - "The Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act of 1979" - H.R. 3282 (1524)/S. 1658. The House version is not yet scheduled for floor action. An amendment reinstating the industry funding language is expected from Rep. Cecil Heftel (D-HI). The Senate bill is pending in Subcommittee (Education, Arts and Humanities).

"Nondisclosure by Business Entitles as to Dangerous Products" - (H.R. 4973). The bill is residing in the Committee on the Judiciary with no hearings currently scheduled.

NAS - The National Academy of Sciences' proposed two-year study of asbestos has not yet started. Selection of the study panel continues. The co-chairmen of the panel will be Arnold L. Brown, M.D., Dean of Medical School, University of Wisconsin and Helen Catherine Skinner, Ph.D., Master of Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University. Total panel members will be 12.

State Activities

Virginia - Asbestos and benzene were designated Class I by the Virginia Board of Health. This will place a reporting burden on those establishements manufacturing or using in manufacturing 1000 Kilograms per year or more of these substances.

The Virginia legislature's Subcommittee on Asbestos Cement Pipes chaired by Senator Peter K. Babalas is holding a hearing on September 18, 1979. The topic will be former Senate bill, S.806, which would have banned the use of A/C pipe for potable water use.

California - Dr. Rhodes reported on a San Diego hearing of CAL-OSHA in August on the proposal to lower the action level for asbestos in the workplace. Dr. Rhodes testified on behalf of AIA/NA.

2. Air Monitoring/DMAP - Dr. Rhodes
Dr. Rhodes reported on the activities of the Dust Monitoring Advisory Panel including a meeting on October 10-11 in Paris, France at which he will represent AIA/NA.

3. Legal Research - Mr. Alcorn
Wendell Alcorn, AIA/NA Special Counsel, reported on activities in this area of work.

4. Technical - Mr. Fenner
Mr. Fenner discussed the makeup of this committee and reviewed its work which included a response to EPA on a contract study on asbestos exposure and presentations to EPA and the Navy on safe work practices for the use of asbestos-containing products.

5. International/Medical Affairs - Mr. Marsh
Mr. Marsh reported on a medical presentation that the Association recently arranged for at EPA. He read a message from Dr. Gaze, Chairman, Executive Committee, Asbestos International Association (see copy enclosed).

Resolutions Adopted 202-857-5000

Agreed that law firm of Kirkland and Ellis should be engaged as AIA/NA special counsel for federal regulatory affairs with a limit on legal fees during 1979 of $50,000.

Election of Directors

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.02, AIA/NA Bylaws, the following regular member company representatives were proposed to serve on the Association's board of directors: